Clearance to Vizhinjam Transshipment Terminal

379. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present position of Vizhinjam deep water International Container Transshipment Terminal;

(b) whether Government have given clearance to this scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Vizhinjam is Minor port being developed by the Government of Kerala responsibility for development of ports, other than Major Ports, vests with the State Governments concerned, which in this case is Government of Kerala. Government of Kerala has informed that competitive Bids had been invited for the project for development of Deepwater International Container Transshipment Terminal at Vizhinjam. Government of Kerala has accepted the Bid proposal on 25.1.2006. They have sent the proposal for clearances, if any, that may be required from the Government of India. As far as Government of India is concerned, clearance from security angle is required to be given, which is under process.

Launch of GSLV-FO2

380. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the launch of GSLV-FO2 ended in failure on 10th July, 2006;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the ISRO had constituted any team to probe the failure; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The exact reasons for failure are under investigation by an expert Failure Analysis Committee (FAC) set up by ISRO.

(c) Yes, Sir.